

Indiana Department of Environmental Management Office of Water Quality Wetlands Section

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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Corps of Engineers ID Number: Not Available

Closing Date: April 13, 2010

To all interested parties:

This letter shall serve as a formal notice of the receipt of an application for Section 401 Water Quality Certification by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM). The purpose of the notice is to inform the public of active applications submitted for water quality certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1341) and to solicit comments and information on any impacts to water quality related to the proposed project. IDEM will evaluate whether the project complies with Indiana's water quality standards as set forth at 327 IAC 2.

1. Applicant:

Mr. Michael Holley

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers P.O. Box 59—PM-P-E

Louisville, KY 40201-0059

3. Project location:

South 1/2, Section 28, Township 8 South, Range 14 West, Posey County, Uniontown USGS.

2. Agent:

The project is located at the John T. Meyers Locks and Dam located on Raben Road and the Ohio River.

4. Affected waterbody:

Ohio River and adjacent scrub shrub wetland

5. Project Description:

The applicant proposes to dredged approximately 50,000 cubic yards of material from the Ohio River and excavate 110,000 cubic yards of stream bank material in order to prepare the site for a navigational lock extension. The excavated and dredged material will be discharged into a 17 acre sediment basin constructed adjacent to the excavated stream banks. The 17 acre disposal area contains approximately 1.0 acre of scrub shrub wetland that will be filled with the excavated and dredged material. Upon completion of the river dredging and bank excavation activities, the applicant will discharge riprap along 1,200 linear feet of stream bank for bank stabilization activities and install 3 submerged dikes. The dikes will be constructed of large boulders and will be submerged 12 feet in depth and placed perpendicular to river flow. The purpose of the dikes is to alter the river flows to allow for barge traffic to negotiate the lock chambers. As compensatory mitigation for the proposed wetland impacts, the applicant proposes to construct a 3 acre scrub shrub wetland on property owned by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. For additional information please visit the following webpage: http://www.in.gov/idem/6393.htm.

Comment period:

Any person or entity who wishes to submit comments or information relevant to the aforementioned project may do so by the closing date noted above. Only comments or information related to water quality or potential impacts of the project on water quality can be considered by IDEM in the water quality certification review process.

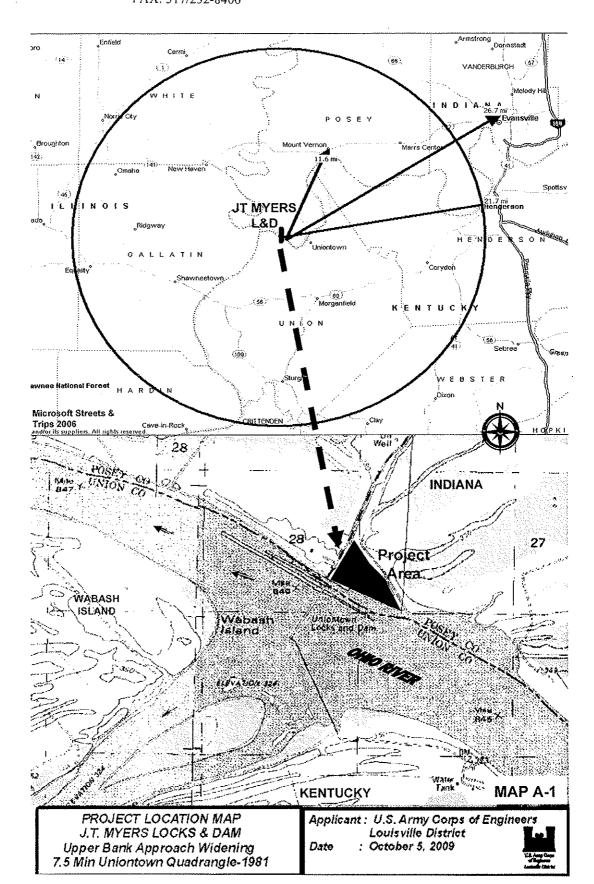
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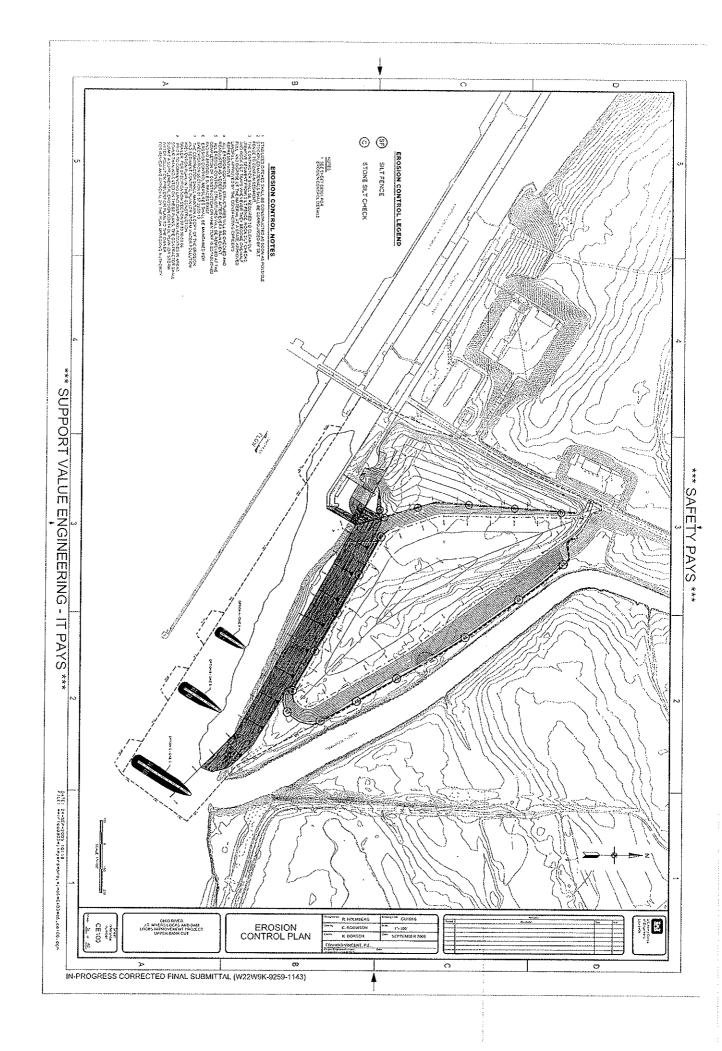
Any person may submit a written request that a public hearing be held to consider issues related to water quality in connection with the project detailed in this notice. The request for a hearing should be submitted within the comment period to be considered timely. The request should also state the reason for the public hearing as specifically as possible to assist IDEM in determining whether a public hearing is warranted.

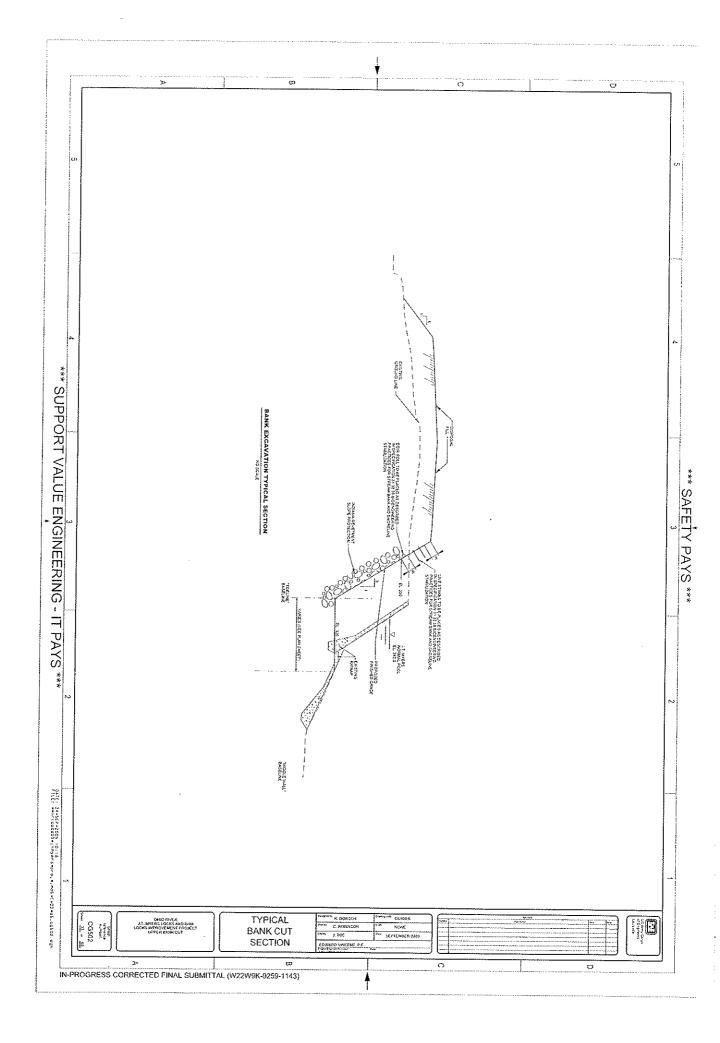
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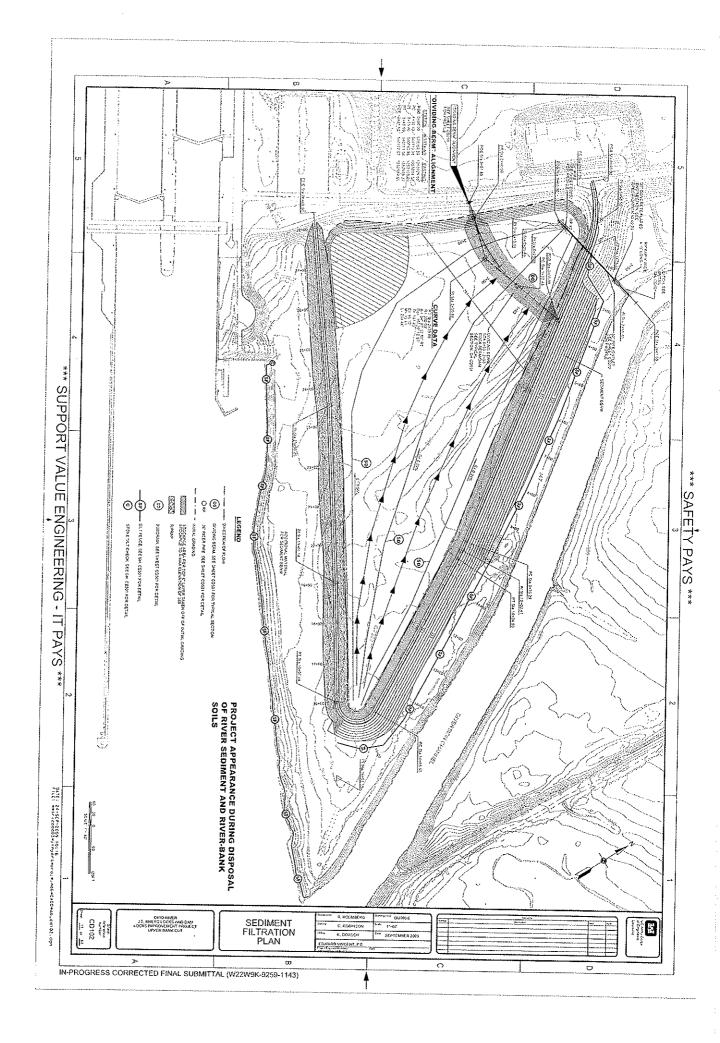
Additional information may be obtained from Mr. Jason Randolph, Project Manager, at 317-233-0467. Please address all correspondence to the project manager and reference the IDEM project identification number listed on this notice. Indicate if you wish to receive a copy of IDEM's final decision. Written comments and inquiries may be forwarded to -

Indiana Department of Environmental Management 100 North Senate Avenue MC65-42 WQS IGCN 1255 Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2251 FAX: 317/232-8406

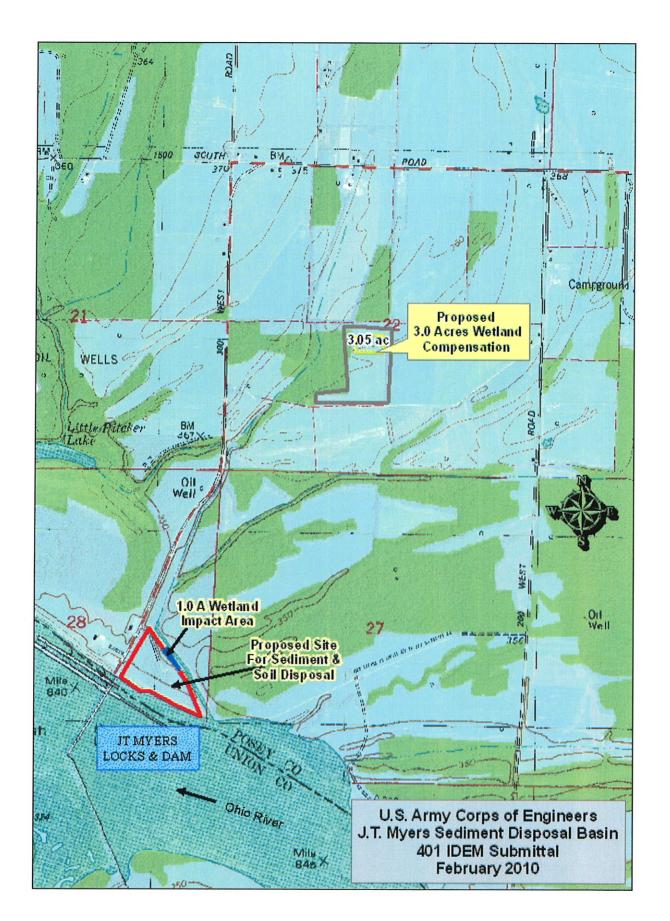








U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Louisville District J.T. Myers Upper Approach Bank Widening Anticipated Wetland Encroachment January 2010 **Blue Area** Delineated 1.0 Acre Wetland **Encroachment** Red "CWL" Line **Contractor's Work limit** during construction of disposal area, dredging, and excavation of river embankment **Green Outlined Polygon** Working confines of constructed disposal area **Red Area Protected Delineated Wetland** Final Sloped Embankment Post Contour **Orange Polygon** Existing Lock Channel Wall **Footprint of Final** Graded, Covered, and Two of three Proposed **Vegetated Disposal** Submerged Boulder Stone Area Ohio River



Unlimited. The intent of infusing ground water into the wetland is not a matter of maintaining hydric conditions. The INDNR, requires an ideal water depth within this wetland compensation area to attract the seasonal waterfowl migration of the dabbling-duck population; the objective being to have optimum conditions, within the 18-inches depth, inundate the wetland area. To allow less flexibility, would be detrimental to attracting the desired waterfowl population. As an in-kind action of reciprocity for the INDNR providing an ideal area to create the desired scrubshrub wetland, the Corps has accommodated the INDNR's need to afford more flexibility towards their future objectives of waterfowl management.

Corps firmly believes under the present local drainage regimes, available hydric soil types, and the designed means of confinement; it is unequivocal that proposed wetland presence will establish a sustained presence meeting or exceeding saturated soil expectancies of 26 continuous days; greater than the 12.5% of the reported 206 days of growing season.

D. Planting Plan:

1. Wetland Compensation: - The wetland basin area will be planted in two-type species of shrubs with a diverse inter-mix of herbaceous species including grasses, sedges, and bur reed will be included to promote habitat diversity and to encourage rapid colonization of target species and minimize potential for invasive/non-target species establishment. The following is the planting schedule:

	Wetland Interior Seeding	
Common Name	<u>Botanical Name</u>	Percent (by Weight)
Swamp-rose Mallow	Hibiscus moscheutos	300 stems/acre
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Eastern Swamp Privet	Foresteria acuminata	300 stems/acre
Bristly Sedge	Carex comosa	2 oz/acre
Porcupine Sedge	Carex Hystericina	2 oz/acre
Virginia Wild Rye	Elymus virginicus	64 oz/acre
Riverbank Wild Rye	Elymus riparius	12 oz/acre
Fowl Manna Grass	Glyceria striata	4 oz/acre
Rice Cut Grass	Leersia oryzoides	4 oz/acre
Prairie Cord Grass	Spartina pectinata	2 oz/acre
Reddish bulrush	Scirpus pendulus	2-4 oz/acre
Flat sedge	Cyperus odoratus	2 oz/acre
Branched bur-reed	Sparganium androdadum	4 oz/acre
	Berm Seeding	
Viginia Wild Rye	Elymus virginicus	2 lb PLS/acre
Riverbank Rye	Elymus riparius	1 lb PLS/acre
Big bluestem	Andropogon gerardi	1 lb PLS/acre
Switchgrass	Panicum virgatum	0.5 lb PLS/acre
	Temporary Seeding	
Common Oats	Avena sativa	512 oz/acre
Annual Rye	Lolium multiflorum	240 oz/acre

